



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Teenagers of the new millennium have different concerns than teenagers 20 and 30 years ago. Violence on television, Internet predators, and violent video games are a few challenges facing the current generation of teenagers. Researchers estimate that by the time a child reaches his/her 13th birthday, he/she will have witnessed approximately 72,000 incidents of violence on television. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the many issues and concerns affecting our youth in order to help provide a safe and secure atmosphere.

Today, a trend is occurring where teens are going unsupervised on Spring Break vacations and Summer Break getaways at a younger age. Instead of these destinations being filled only with college students, resorts are experiencing an even younger crowd...high school students. Below are tips for parents to consider if your child goes on vacation:

- ❑ Update teen and family contact information
- ❑ Travel in groups of three or more
- ❑ Do not plan to meet anyone you are introduced to on the inter-net

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Message from Commander Bill Wilton

As promised in the previous newsletter we have selected six traffic enforcement locations for the month, one for each beat of the district. The purpose here is to spread the enforcement throughout the district. This month we will be focusing on intersections with the highest number of accidents. Next month we will move back to surface streets. The locations for this month are:

Scottsdale/Cactus

Loop 101/Frank Lloyd Wright

Loop 101/Raintree

Pima/Pinnacle Peak

Scottsdale/Frank Lloyd Wright

Pima/Happy Valley

As you travel Pima and Scottsdale Roads please remember the speed limits were reduced from 55 to 50 on these roads on August 26th. From what I've observed most users of the roads have adapted to the new speed limits.

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- ❑ A GPS cell phone may help parents locate the child's location

Bullying happens in every school, but it's the way it's dealt with that makes a difference. Bullies are very cunning and have become experts at getting away with acts of violence. Bullies need to know this type of behavior is not acceptable.

Bullies can frighten children so they are afraid to go to school. The child may pretend to be ill to avoid any confrontation with the bully. When children are bullied, it is important they tell a friend, teacher, a principal and their parents. At times, the local police department and School Resource Officer should know about the situation. Normally, it will not stop unless the child notifies someone and asks for something to be done.

Bullying can start as early as the first grade. The threats become more violent as the child gets older. In 7th and 8th grade, bullying becomes more vocal and more threats are carried out.

- ❑ An estimated 160,000 children miss school every day out of fear of being bullied.
- ❑ Sixty six percent of the youth are teased at least once a month and thirty-three percent are bullied once a month.
- ❑ Six out of ten Americans witness bullying in school every day.
- ❑ Nearly one third of middle school students have been the object of sexual jokes, comments or gestures. Another fifteen percent have been bullied or harassed because of their religion or race.
- ❑ One out of every ten children who drops out of school does it as a result of being bullied.
- ❑ Victims of bullying are more likely to suffer physical problems such as colds and coughs, sore throats, poor appetites and night walking.

If you would like to learn more about keeping your teen safe or information on crime prevention please contact me at (480) 312-8802 or e-mail me at jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov

MAILBOX TIPS

This is the time of year many people receive their tax refunds in the mail. Be sure to check for your mail regularly as a safety precaution and follow these simple tips:

- ❑ If your mail stops, check with the Post Office. Sometimes a fraud perpetrator submits a change of address in an attempt to get your mail.
- ❑ If you apply for a new card and it does not arrive, contact the issuer.
- ❑ Never give out your Social Security number unless you made the contact yourself.
- ❑ Invest in a shredder and SHRED or destroy all mail solicitations, pre-approved offers, old bills or statements before trashing them.
- ❑ Remove your mail promptly from your mailbox and NEVER use your mailbox for outgoing mail.

Calendar of Events

CHILD SAFETY FAIR

Saturday, May 13th 9am to 1200pm
Target 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.
Free Vin-etching, child fingerprinting, child safety seat installation/inspection, bike rodeo, child face painting, crime prevention and fire safety information will be distributed.

The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, or e-mail: gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.